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October 29, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

34 October 29, 2013

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AWARD OF A PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
MALIBU BRANCH FEEDER IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE III
IN THE CITIES OF LOS ANGELES, MALIBU, AND SANTA MONICA
AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF
TOPANGA CANYON
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award a public works construction contract to Paulus Engineering, Inc., for Malibu Branch Feeder Improvements, Phase III, and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a construction contract for work in the Cities of Los Angeles, Malibu, and Santa Monica and in the unincorporated community of Topanga Canyon.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a construction contract and establish the effective date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for Project ID No. WWD2900048 – Malibu Branch Feeder Improvements, Phase III, for removal and replacement of air vacuum release valves, underground vaults, ventilation covers and water main shutoff valves, in the Cities of Los Angeles, Malibu, and Santa Monica and in the unincorporated community of Topanga Canyon, to Paulus Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$724,400.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain approval of the project from the Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, to award this construction contract and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the contract and establish the effective contract date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for this project.

On April 30, 2013, Agenda Item 55, the Board approved the project; adopted the plans and specifications; called for bids to be received on June 4, 2013; and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project.

The enclosure includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening date, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposal are also enclosed for this project.

The recommended award of the construction contract is necessary to execute a Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works project in support of operational missions. The Board's approval of the recommended contract award and the subsequent execution of the contract will ensure the timely completion of the project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Awarding this contract will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected cities and community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This action will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The construction cost of \$724,400 is included in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29.

The enclosure includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contract was solicited on an open competitive basis and is in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractor is in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements.

The award of this contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. This contract contains terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles

County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On April 30, 2013, Agenda Item 55, the Board found this project to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contract was solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this project was listed on the County website for upcoming bids. Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractor.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This construction contract will result in improved public works infrastructure in the cities and

community where the work is scheduled.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

AWARD OF CONTRACT
October 29, 2013

PROJECT ID NO. WWD2900048 – Malibu Branch Feeder Improvements, Phase III, (in the Cities of Los Angeles, Malibu, and Santa Monica and in the unincorporated community of Topanga Canyon), Supervisorial District 3.

TYPE OF WORK: Removal and replacement of air vacuum release valves, underground vaults, ventilation covers, water main shutoff valves, and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 30, 2013 (Agenda Item 55)

BID OPENING DATE: June 4, 2013

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Paulus Engineering, Inc. 2871 East Coronado Street Anaheim, California 92806 (714) 632-3975	\$724,400.00
2	Zusser Company, Inc.	\$798,650.00
3	GRFCO, Inc.	\$975,500.00

Geo Struc Engineering, Inc., submitted a bid of \$623,500; however, it requested relief of its bid due to a clerical error resulting in a significant underbid. Our review confirmed that a bonafide clerical error was made and Geo Struc Engineering, Inc., should be relieved of its bid as provided in the contract documents.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate including the Consultant Service Agreement	\$640,750.00
Amount for Consultant Service Agreement	\$ 5,000.00
Amount of recommended contract**	\$719,400.00
Amount of recommended contract and Consultant Service Agreement above the estimate	\$ 83,650.00

The amount of the recommended contract, including the Consultant Services Agreement, is 13 percent above the estimate. A review of the estimate reveals it did not account for the constrained working conditions. While the bid price is higher than the estimate, the bids are competitive, and we do not believe readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

On April 30, 2013, Agenda Item 55, the Board authorized the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a Consultant Services Agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule for \$5,000. The amount of the recommended contract award of \$719,400 represents the amount of the lowest responsive bid with the cost of the Consultant Services Agreement subtracted from it.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On April 30, 2013, Agenda Item 55, the Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 70 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in January 2014 and be completed in April 2014.

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